

In addition to her service on the general court, Gusty served the public interest with numerous groups, such as the Nashoba Community Hospital Board. She was a national board member of the American Legislative Exchange Council. Her love of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts led her to work hard to preserve it. She served on the board of trustees and then the board of overseers of the Plimoth Plantation, founded by her father, Henry Hornblower II. In the historic town of Arlington, MA, she served on the board of trustees of the Schwamb Mill Preservation Trust. She also held a seat on the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Unfortunately, Massachusetts and many of our friends lost her on August 27, 1994 when she succumbed to breast cancer. However, in her last years she became a vocal and effective advocate for breast cancer research and education and was instrumental in securing an unprecedented \$3 million of State dollars for breast cancer research.

She saw the devastating effects of this disease firsthand and helped women across the State with her advocacy. This bill is a fitting tribute to her lasting contributions to not only the people of Groton but to the people of Massachusetts as well.

I thank the chairman of the committee for his leadership, the gentleman from Virginia for supporting this bill and all my colleagues for supporting this important bill, recognizing this extraordinary woman.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH], that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3768.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 3768.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

ROSE Y. CARACAPPA UNITED STATES POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3139) to redesignate the United States Post Office building located at 245 Centereach Mall on Middle Country Road in Centereach, NY, as the "Rose

Y. Caracappa United States Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3139

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION.

The United States Post Office building located at 245 Centereach Mall on Middle Country Road in Centereach, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Rose Y. Caracappa United States Post Office Building".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Rose Y. Caracappa United States Post Office Building."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] and the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH].

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight unanimously approved H.R. 3139. The legislation designates the U.S. Post Office building located at 245 Centereach Mall on Middle Country Road in Centereach, NY, as the "Rose Y. Caracappa United States Post Office Building."

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3139 was introduced by the gentleman from New York [Mr. FORBES] and, pursuant to committee policy, the legislation has been cosponsored by the House delegation of the State of New York.

H.R. 3139 honors Rose Caracappa of Selden, New York who was elected to the Suffolk County legislature from 1981 until her death in May 1995 at age 56. Ms. Caracappa served on the Suffolk County Sewer Authority and was chairperson of the committees on public works, veterans and senior citizens. She was known as a combative, colorful legislator and was recognized for her tireless work for people. At the time of her death, she was actively working on building a World War II monument to honor those who served in that war. The people whom Rose Caracappa championed—the police, firefighters and veterans—buried her with full honor usually reserved for uniformed personnel.

Mr. Speaker, I have cosponsored H.R. 3139 and urge our colleagues to support the measure.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we are also pleased to join the New York congressional delegation supporting H.R. 3139 that designates the post office in Centereach, NY, as the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] has said, as the Rose Y. Caracappa Post Office. She was a former New York county legislator.

She championed the rights of senior citizens and veterans. She deserves this honor. We support giving it to her.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from New York [Mr. FORBES], who is the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished Chair and the ranking member, the gentleman from Virginia, for their courtesies in moving this legislation forward.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage enactment of H.R. 3139, a bill that I have introduced, which designates the post office at Centereach, Long Island, NY as the "Rose Y. Caracappa U.S. Post Office Building."

Rose Caracappa was one of Suffolk County's most celebrated legislators. Rose was a feisty, outspoken legislator who died suddenly in May of 1995. It was a great loss to all of us on Long Island. Mr. Speaker, because Rose was one of New York's pioneer legislators. In honors usually reserved for uniformed personnel, Rose's funeral procession was led by 13 police motorcycles and followed by half a dozen fire and emergency vehicles with one clanging bell, the symbol of a fallen firefighter.

Before being elected to serve in the Suffolk County Legislature, Rose was really a person of her community. She had volunteered her services to the local Parent-Teacher's Association, to her church, to the Girl Scouts, and to the Cub Scouts, and she had been an active member and supporter of the Salvation Army.

In 1981, after having worked as a legislative aide in the county legislature, Rose decided to run for her own as county legislator in the fourth district and she won. She served as the lone conservative in the Suffolk County Legislature for nearly 15 years.

As a legislator, Rose was responsible for providing Suffolk County police officers with body armor and was also noted for sponsoring the open space acquisition of Camp Barstow, a former Girl Scout camp on Long Island. During her tenure as a county legislator, she served as chairwoman of the public works, veterans, and seniors committees.

She is best known as a tireless champion for the police, for the firefighters, for senior citizens, and veterans. And while chairing the committee on veterans' affairs, Rose was proud to have sponsored legislation for the Armed Services Plaza in Hauppauge. At the time of her death she was working, as has been previously noted, on a World War II monument to be placed at the Armed Forces Plaza in Hauppauge to commemorate all those who have served in that war.

Rose was the key legislator who orchestrated the building of a Korean war veterans monument and a women's veterans monument in Suffolk County. They have both been erected at the same Hauppauge site.